

<p align="center">COMMITTEE: GENERAL</p> <p align="center">MARIN COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING (MCCOA)</p>	<p align="center">DATE: JANUARY 13, 2025</p>	<p align="center">LOCATION: Marin Wildfire Protection Authority</p>
<p>PRESENT: Amlie, Barry, Bhanushali, Binkley, Brandon, Brown, Clemmons, Denton Cohen, Doodha, Gould, López, Ng, Notowich, Rubens, Sadowsky, Schultz, Wilson, Winer</p> <p>EXCUSED: Bortel</p> <p>ABSENT:</p> <p>VACANT: CSL, District 2, District 3, Larkspur</p>		
<p>RECORDER: Mandy Reyes, Staff, Area Agency on Aging (AAA)</p>		
<p>NEXT MEETING: February 10, 1:30 p.m., Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Board Room</p>		
<p align="center">MINUTE SUMMARY</p>		
<p>Presentation and Topic: “How Can We Live Affordably as We Age?” “The Changing Landscape for Older Adults and People with Disabilities – Perspectives from the California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) and USAging (National Association of Area Agencies on Aging)”</p> <p>Speakers: Christina Mills, Executive Director, California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) Amy Gotwals, Chief, Public Policy and External Affairs, USAging</p> <p>Call to Order: Chair Denton Cohen called the meeting to order at 2:46 p.m.</p> <p>Approval of Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion/Seconded/Carried (M/S/C) – Doodha/Brown/18-0 <p>Approval of Minutes as Written:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M/S/C – Wilson/Clemmons/18-0 		

Open Time for Public Expression on Matters not on the agenda:

Luanne Mullin –

- The next Emeritus Students College of Marin (ESCOM) spotlight on Zoom will be Damon Connelly, California Assemblymember. It will be Jan. 23 at 10 a.m.

Opioid Settlement Funds Presentation:

Cat Condon, Division Director for Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, gave an overview of opioid settlement funds and allowable uses. She asked that commissioners take a survey to indicate where they think such funds should be distributed. Staff member Gary Lara will send the SurveyMonkey link.

Discussion Items:

- Teleconferencing Under the Brown Act – the commission reviewed what the options are for teleconferencing under the Brown Act and discussed the possibility of incorporating these changes into the bylaws.
- Bylaws Update – the commission reviewed the suggested updates to the bylaws.

Commissioner Announcements:

Commissioner Schultz – a community planning meeting will be held on Jan. 15 from 2 – 3:30 p.m. focusing on Mental Health Services Act fund distribution for mental health services, with a focus on older adults.

Chair and Officers' Reports:**Chair Report (Denton Cohen):**

- Communication is key between all members of the commission.
- AAA staff do not work for the commission. It is a joint effort between the two parties to engage and support the work related to advocacy for older adults.
- Four commissioners will have terms ending on June 30, 2025, (Commissioners Bhanushali, Binkley, Brandon and Sadowsky). Please let your cities/towns or districts know as soon as possible whether or not you intend to reapply for the next three year term.
- The Commission will collaborate with ESCOM for the Health Forum. It will be at the Jonas Center at the Indian Valley Campus of College of Marin in Novato. The theme is the social determinants of health.
- There will be a brown bag lunch on Feb. 25 at noon for those appointed by the Board of Supervisors (BOS).

Vice Chair Report (Ng):

- The new BOS supervisor will be sworn in tomorrow, Jan. 14.
- Tomorrow night there will be a San Anselmo Town Council meeting.

- Vice Chair Ng would like to make a presentation to the San Anselmo Town Council about the MCCOA.

Secretary Report (Sadowsky):

- San Geronimo Valley Elders Advisory Council is becoming more stable and secure.
- There is a new piece of legislation that affects many people with government pensions which is the elimination of the Social Security Windfall Elimination Provision.

Aging and Adult Services Report:

Director Jenay Cottrell reported on the following:

- Will be having discussions with C4A around how we can support our colleagues in southern California.
- Health and Human Services is on the Board agenda for tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. to present the updated Health and Human Services Strategic Plan Update, 2025-2028.
- We will be renewing and boosting funding for some of our contracts.
- The Health and Human Services MCCOA administrative position needs to be approved by the Board of Supervisors, which tentatively will happen in March.
- Staff completed the office move from upstairs to downstairs.
- The Pt. Reyes Station congregate meal is anticipated to start in March.
- Asked the commission for help with the following and passed out a sign-up sheet:
 - MCCOA to host a presentation addressing financial security.
 - Help in reaching out to community organizations to schedule the elder abuse awareness presentation that is being developed.
 - Help to increase awareness about Cal Fresh.

Commissioner Updates (Commissioners appointed by the Board of Supervisors):

District 1 (López/Winer):

- Meetings are being set up with Supervisor Sackett.
- Sackett sent a 2024 impact report.

District 2: (Notowich):

- There is a new supervisor for District 2 who gets sworn in tomorrow.
- Fairfax rent control ordinance did not pass.

District 3 (Brandon):

- Brandon had the opportunity to speak with Supervisor Moulton-Peters in addressing sea rising issues in the Marin City.

- Marin City Health and Wellness Center has been approved to establish a center for Marin services. The center will offer Cal Fresh as well as behavioral health services, Covid testing and other preventive resources.
- In Dec., the community center hosted a gala to celebrate the growth of the center.

District 4 (Brown and Sadowsky):

- In Nov., Sadowsky and Brown met with Supervisor Rodoni and his staff. They talked about affordable housing. Rodoni brought up the idea of the priority lease program.
- The coastal ranches in West Marin have been discontinued. Ranchers in West Marin will be displaced.

District 5 (Rubens/Barry)

- Novato Age Friendly did not have a meeting in December.
- Commissioner Rubens had coffee with Supervisor Lucan over the break.
- Many people that are eligible for Cal Fresh are not enrolled. It would be good to have MCCOA help deploy resources.

Committee/Reports and Chairs:

Equity and Inclusion (Ng):

- The committee finalized the resolution for older adults. The committee will make a presentation to the Executive committee and then will make a presentation to the BOS.
- Members of the LGBTQ+ community came and spoke at the last meeting.

Health/Nutrition (Brown):

- In Dec. the committee toured the San Francisco Food Bank.
- In Nov. the committee had its quarterly Ombudsman presentation.
- Health and Nutrition will be hosting the Feb. MCCOA meeting.
- Please attend at least one congregate meal.

Housing/Transportation (Barry):

- At the last meeting the committee had Kellen Dammann from the Marin County Sustainability Team speak about EASE – The Energy and Sustainable Energy Homes Program, which is a new low to moderate income home improvement program for Single Family Homes.
- The next meeting is this Thurs., Jan. 16. North Marin Community Services will be speaking about wrap around services for people in need of housing.
- Homeward Bound Marin is starting to move clients into the new workforce housing.

Legislative (Amlie):

- Next Tuesday's BOS meeting, the County Legislative Platform is to be approved.

- The committee worked on today's presentation at the last meeting.

Planning and Communications (Rubens):

- The committee is meeting this Wednesday.

New Business:

- Commissioner Barry – would like to include ad hoc committee reporting to the agenda.

Adjournment: 4:42 p.m.

- Motion/Seconded/Carried (M/S/C) – Rubens/Winer/18-0

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